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Gentlemen:

This is a brief status of the progress in meeting the January 20, 1995 Interagency Agreement (IAG) milestone to render the Solar Ponds "clean and dry."

Ponds 207 A, 207 B center, and 207 B south have been emptied of all sludge and water, except for incidental precipitation which will be periodically pumped out. Pond 207 B north has a small amount of water and sludge as it was used as a staging area for rinse down water in the Pond 207 B south cleanout. Pond 207 B north should be "clean and dry" very soon, except of course for incidental precipitation.

Pond 207 C is in the process of being emptied. We expected to have this effort complete by now, but have been delayed by numerous unexpected difficulties, some of which were beyond our control. Delays have been caused by resolution of permitting issues raised by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) on both Pond 207 B and 207 C, unexpected equipment problems, health and safety concerns, and most troublesome, difficulties in the material handling of the sludge/salt material. The material is vacuumed into the trucks without problem but unloading the trucks has been difficult. The material behaves much like beach sand in that liquid immediately drains out of it, leaving a "heel" built up in the trucks, in spite of tilting the truck tank (as a dump truck). This has caused plugged discharge lines and some minor spills.

The following steps are being aggressively implemented to meet the IAG milestone:

- Revised truck unloading methodology utilizing a water flush
- Additional equipment for both operational and backup purposes
- Special training classes to qualify additional staff
- Expedited clearance reinstatement for recalled Radiological Control Technician (RCT)
- Creation of a detailed day by day schedule and a daily action center meeting.

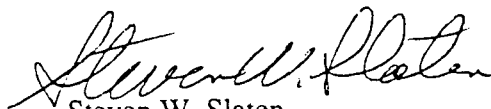
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The Department of Energy is making every effort to meet and beat our committed milestone and will keep you informed of progress. Please give me a call if you wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steven W. Slaten".

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